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OFFICERS:

MASTER	JABEL ROBINSON	Middlemarch.
OVERSEER	W. F. GEORGE	Sackville, N. B.
SECRETARY	LUTHER CHEYNE	Brampton.
TREASURER	J. P. BULL	Downsview.
LECTURER	E. H. HILBORN	Uxbridge.
CHAPLAIN	S. A. NELLES	Grimsby.
STEWARD	GEO. LETHBRIDGE	Strathburn.
ASSISTANT STEWARD	W. BROCK	Adelaide.
GATE-KEEPER	L. VANCAMP	Bowmanville.
CERES	MRS. GEORGE.	
POMONA	MRS. NELLES.	
FLORA	MRS. VANCAMP.	
L. A. STEWARD	MRS. LETHBRIDGE.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ROBERT CURRY	Wingham.
HENRY GLENDENNING	Manilla.

AUDITORS.

THOS. McLEOD	Dalston.
JESSE TRULL	Oshawa.

DOMINION GRANGE.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

FIRST DAY,

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16th, 1883.

The Ninth Annual Session of the Dominion Grange met in the Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings, at 10 a. m.

Worthy Master A. Gifford in the chair.

The roll being called the following officers responded :—

OVERSEER.....B. NEWCOMB.....Sheffield Mills, N. B.
SECRETARY.....L. CHEYNE.....Brampton.
TREASURER.....J. P. BULL.....Downsview.
LECTURER.....LEVI VANCAMP.....Bowmanville.
CHAPLAIN.....J. C. SHIPLEY.....Kingsville
STEWARD.....W. BROCK.....Adelaide.
ASS'T. STEWARD.....T. S. McLEOD.....Dalston.
GATE-KEEPER, Filled by..BRO. TOLMIE.....

LADY OFFICERS.

CERES.....MRS. L. VANCAMP.....Bowmanville
POMONA.....MRS. E. H. HILBORN..Uxbridge.
FLORA.....MRS. GEORGE.....Sackville, N. B.
L. A. STEWARD.....MRS. TRULL.....Oshawa.

AUDITORS.

A. J. HUGHES.....Sharon.
E. H. HILBORN.....Uxbridge.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JABEL ROBINSON.....Middlemarch.
ROBT. WILKIE.....Roundeau.

DELEGATES TO DOMINION GRANGE.

Name.	County.	Post Office.
Jabel Robinson		Middlemarch
A. Nelles	Niagara D. D. No. 3	Grimsby
R. Wilkie	Kent No. 3	Rondeau
R Currie	Huron No. 27	Wingham
Geo. Lethbridge	West Middlesex No. 17	Strathburn
T. S. McLeod	North Simcoe	Dalston
A. J. Hughes	York	Sharon
W. Brock	W. Middlesex	Adelaide
H. Glendenning	Ontario	Manilla
J. Truli	Northumber'd & Durham	Oshawa
L. VanCamp	" " "	Bowmanville
D. B. Newcomb		Sheffield Mills, N. S.
W. F. George & Wife		Sackville, N. B.

Sisters Trull, VanCamp, Robinson, Lethbridge, Cheyne, Hilborn, Nelles and Bull.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, Seconded by Bro. Robinson,

That the report of delegates as presented by Secretary, be adopted as the official list of members composing the Dominion Grange for the year 1883.—Carried.

MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Worthy Patrons of the Dominion Grange :—

We have met once again to consider the many important matters of interest to the great industry we represent, and to devise means for the advancement of our calling, upon which this country mainly depends for its prosperity.

During the past year the labors of the husbandmen have been blessed beyond precedent, and our barns have been filled to overflowing by the bountiful Giver of all good, enabling us of our abundance to assist those less fortunate, thus fulfilling one of the great principles of our Order.

On the present occasion it is our duty to look back over the road we have come and see what we have accomplished—ascertain if the results reached are a sufficient consideration for the time and effort put forth, to combine the farmers of this fair Dominion in defence of their interests.

Less than ten years ago not one Grange existed in the Dominion. A farmers' club, with even its imperfect organization, was a rare thing. Farmers had no means of combining or making their views and influence felt, and were never consulted. No co-operation was practised, and credit was the order of the day. The social qualities of the farming community were uncultivated, and a superior education was considered only desirable or necessary for a professional man.

Within that time eight hundred and sixty-two Subordinate Granges have been organized, distributed through the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, each one of which is a school, and at the same time furnishes to members and their families opportunities for social intercourse never before possessed, and in no other way obtainable.

FIFTY FIVE DIVISION GRANGES

have been formed, where the representatives from those Subordinate Granges can meet to compare their views, and consider their respective districts as gleaned from the discussions in their Granges, and impress those upon the delegates to the Provincial and Dominion Granges from which radiates the influence destined to secure attention to the wants of our members.

Through these Granges co operation in trade has been practised, amounting in the aggregate to a very large sum, and in many sections has effected a radical cure for that evil known as the credit system

The social intercourse secured by means of the Grange has, to a great extent, broken up the isolation formerly existing among farmers, and has done much to allay that spirit of distrust and suspicion so prevalent, and which has been cultivated and taken advantage of by those desirous of advancing their interests at the farmers' expense. At the present time few, if any, can be found to plead that a liberal education is of less importance to the farmer than to those of other callings, and it is conceded that if farmers are to fill creditably those positions in the management of the affairs of the country which by right of wealth and numbers they are entitled to, such education is absolutely necessary.

There is little doubt that much of the opposition experienced by the Grange has been based on a lack of knowledge of the principles upon which our Order is founded. Even members, in many cases, lose sight of those principles, and assume positions which lead to adverse criticism.

THE OBJECT CONTEMPLATED

in all Grange work is to elevate the farmer and defend his interests, to encourage higher aims and aspirations than have hitherto prevailed. Our declaration of principles states distinctly and truly that "we wage no aggressive warfare against any other interest whatever." The Grange teaches co-operation in trade and direct dealing between producers and consumers, with a view of decreasing our expenses in the one case and increasing our incomes in the other, not from motives of avarice on the part of members, as is so often imputed, but that money thus saved may be expended in adding to our home comforts, and rendering those homes attractive and pleasant places of abode, where our children will desire to remain, instead of, as is now too often the case, esteeming every other calling better than that of their fathers.

The time is past and gone forever when physical force can be looked upon as the most important requisite for a successful farmer; henceforward success in agriculture must depend mainly upon the amount of intelligence possessed by those engaged in its prosecution. Politicians should make a note of this, and in future, when addressing farmers, appeal to the intelligence, as well as the muscle, of their hearers. Science now requires to be pressed into the service of agriculture, and from the diversity of crops we are called upon to produce in order to succeed, our work has become so complicated that only skilled hands and well-trained minds can hope to secure satisfactory results, hence a

SUPERIOR EDUCATION FOR FARMERS

is a necessity, and such education should be both theoretical and practical. For imparting many of the elements of such an education there can be no better school than the Subordinate Grange, where those possessed of long experience meet and recount their modes of procedure, successes, and failures in the various branches of farm work; but there is much information needed that cannot be thus taught, therefore if we would have our children succeed as farmers we must secure the introduction into the school systems of the various provinces provisions for giving more prominence to those subjects that are necessary to the successful prosecution of agriculture.

The Province of Ontario has already taken a step in the right direction by establishing one institution where farmers' sons can obtain a liberal education without withdrawing them from the associations of the farm, but where, on the contrary, the applications of the principles taught can be readily illustrated in practical work. I am not aware that any other province has yet adopted this feature, but no doubt when the advantages to be secured by such institutions are fully understood and appreciated others will be erected in the various provinces.

RAILWAY MONOPOLY.

At the present time there is no question of greater importance to the agricultural community of this Dominion, or in fact, to the great mass of the people, than the rapid absorption of almost the entire railway system of the country by two corporations, thus virtually placing in the hands of a few individuals the power to fix the price of every bushel of produce we have to sell, and of every article we have to purchase. When this Grange last met appearances were such as to beget grave apprehensions respecting this subject, and a warning note was sounded by our committee on transportation, but now we have to consider the accomplished fact. While we recognize the necessity for the great transportation lines that exist, and do not wish in any way to interfere to reduce their efficiency or prevent their realizing a fair return upon the capital invested by the stockholders, we conceive it is the duty of our representatives to at once enact such laws as will prevent those corporations from exercising the powers they have obtained to the injury of the public interest.

With a view of furnishing convenient outlets for the produce of the country, our governments, both Provincial and Dominion, as well as many municipalities, have invested large sums of the people's money in assisting railways, for which they ask no return except the accommodation furnished, and we cannot be expected to quietly accept the doctrine expressed by one of the great railway kings of the United States, in language more forcible than polite, that

THE PUBLIC HAVE NO RIGHTS

which railways are bound to respect, and which we fear if no check is applied may soon be accepted as the principle of management by our own corporations.

In accordance with your instructions I visited the National Grange at its late meeting, and as your delegate was most cordially received. From the

reports made by the representatives of the various States it is evident the Order is steadily progressing.

With us while the membership is not increasing as rapidly as we might desire, we find the work of organization is still progressing and elements of strength are being yearly added.

Many Grange halls are being built, giving security for the permanency of the institution.

The various enterprises originated and conducted under the auspices of the Grange are proving successful, and conferring many benefits upon the members

The introduction of the lecture system is arousing renewed interest, not only in the Order, but in agriculture, as those employed in this work are practical men. From the experience had of the success attending the efforts of the lecture bureau, it must commend itself as one of the best means yet employed to disseminate our principles, and its benefits might be greatly extended by securing a larger number of workers, and sending them into the yet unoccupied fields of the various provinces.

The question of establishing more direct communication between the Subordinate and Provincial and Dominion Granges is one which should receive the serious consideration of this Grange. All have duties to perform which cannot well be dispensed with, but as a good foundation is the most important point in the construction of a building, so is the Subordinate Grange the most important in our Order.

In this, the Dominion Grange, we should know no section or province, but work earnestly to advance our cause in each alike. Here the dweller in the far east can grasp the hand of his brother from the west, and if we are true to our principles and allow no dissensions within the gates, each coming meeting of this Dominion Grange will see our Order spread wider and wider until the fraternal greeting of the patron will be known to every cultivator of the soil from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Moved by Bro. Glendenning, Seconded by Bro. S. A. Nelles,

That the Worthy Master's address be received and referred to the proper committee.—Carried.

Standing Committee's Report.

The Committee on Standing Committees made their Report as follows:

Constitution And By-Laws.

Bro. Currie.
" Hilborn.
" Newcomb.
" Robinson.
" McLeod.

Press.

Bro. Wilkie
" McLeod.
" Hughes.

Transportation, Monopolies, and Legislation.

Bro. Hilborn.
" Robinson.
" George.
" VanCamp.
" Bull.

Agriculture.

Bro. George.
" VanCamp.
" Trull.
" Glendenning.
" Bull.

TEMPERANCE.

Sis. Nelles.
" Hilborn.
" Lethbridge.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Bro. Brock.
" Trull.
" Nelles.
" Shepley.
Sis. George.
" VanCamp.
" Trull.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Bro. Newcomb.
" Currie.
" Lethbridge.
" Brock.

FINANCES.

Bro. Lethbridge.
" Nelles.
" Hughes.
" Wilkie.

A. J. HUGHES,
HENRY GLENDENNING, } Committee.
ROBERT CURRIE,

A deputation from the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance composed of Rev. Mr. Smith and Mr. O'Hara, waited upon the Dominion Grange asking that the influence of the Grange be used in the interest of total prohibition.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, Seconded by Bro. A. J. Hughes,

THAT all committees not an absolute necessity be dispensed with at this meeting on account of the shortness of time.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, Seconded by Bro. Robinson:—

THAT Mr. S. M. Barrie will be heard for 15 minutes on the question of creameries, commencing at two o'clock prompt.—Carried.

On motion Grange adjourned.

FIRST DAY,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Previous to opening the Grange the W. M. introduced Mr. Barry of Quebec, to the members of the Grange, who gave his views on butter making of the different systems which he was acquainted with. He found that the creamery system was by far the most satisfactory. He showed that the average per cow by this system was from $60 to $80 in Denmark. He contrasted the pan system with that known as the centrifugal. He showed that by actual experience and statistical facts that the centrifugal system was in every respect the best. He said the great defect in Canadian butter was want of uniformity. He thought the way we ought to establish creameries was to build ten in the Province, the milk would be disposed of the same as now done in cheese factories. After the cream has been extracted the milk can be returned perfectly sweet. The cost of each machine to manufacture the milk of 25 or 30 cows would be $250.

In answer to a question he said the best cows for milk were the Jerseys. He also said that his experience proved that it was utterly impossible to produce long keeping butter from pastures on low, flat lands. The best flavored and longest keeping butter was produced on high rolling lands where the pasture was somewhat dry. He found the fresh red clover produced a butter of too oily a nature to give satisfaction to shippers. In answer to a question he stated the longest keeping butter was made from sweet cream.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. Nelles,

THAT the thanks of this meeting be, and are hereby presented to Mr. Barry for the very interesting and instructive address delivered on the subject of butter making.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. J. Hughes, seconded by Bro. J. C. Shepley,

THAT the agent of the Immigration Department be heard before this Grange, at 4:30 p. m.—Carried.

Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports, which were read and laid upon the table.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received for Sale of Printed Matter	$30 54	
" " Jewels	27 80	
" " Desk and Scales	57 25	
" for Organization of 13 sub-Granges	260 00	
" " " 1 Division	2 00	
" from Provincial Agricultural Society	100 00	
		$477 59

QUARTERLY DUES.

Dues Ontario Provincial Grange, Dec. 2nd, 1881	$439 14	
" Division No. 16, Sept., 1880	12 62	
" Nova Scotia Prov., Dec., 1881	35 90	
" Sub-Grange, 842, March, 1882	2 59	
" " 343, "	2 24	
" " 552, "	1 04	
" Ont. Pro. "	229 87	
" Nova Scotia Pro. "	52 10	
" Sub-Grange 343, June "	2 08	
" Ont. Pro. Grange, "	133 70	
" Nova Scotia " "	43 10	
" Sub Grange, 343, Sept.	2 08	
" Ont. Pro. Grange, "	74 79	
" Sub-Grange 343, Dec.	2 08	
" Ont. Pro. Grange, "	306 65	
" Nova Scotia Pro	56 01	
		1,395 99
		$1,873 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

Incidentals.

Sundry Expenses of Office, W. P. Page	$38 30	
Postage, etc	47 54	
Express Charges	11 06	
Telegrams	5 07	
		$101 97
Paid Deputies	$149 75	
		149 75
Paid Treasurer	$96 00	
" "	68 91	
" "	300 00	
" "	250 16	
" "	176 70	
" "	55 00	
" "	40 56	
" "	306 65	
" "	326 63	
" "	1 25	
		1,621 86
		$1.873 58

We, the undersigned, beg to report that we have examined the above accounts of the Secretary, compared them with vouchers and found them correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. HUGHES.
E. H HILBORN, } *Auditors*

J. P. BULL, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT WITH DOMINION GRANGE.

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Feb.	To	Balance on hand	$1,795 37
April	"	Cash from Secretary, L. Cheyne	300 00
May 25	"	Cash " "	250 16
Oct. 21	"	Cash " "	176 70
July 12	"	Russell & Sons' Receipt	30 00
July 12	"	Cash from Secretary	25 00
Jan,	"	Cash "	326 63
Feb. 5	"	Cash "	306 65
Feb. 5	"	Cash "	40 56
	"	Cash "	96 00
	"	Cash "	68 91
	"	Interest	31 15
			$3,447 13

Dr.

Feb. 16.	By	Cash paid Delegates and Officers attending Annual Meeting	$ 568 65
" "	"	Cash paid Executive Committee	31 00
" "	"	Cash paid Hotel Expenses	
" "	"	Bros. Whitney & Mickley	5 00
" "	"	Hill & Weir, printing Secretary and Treasurer's Reports	8 00
" "	"	Hall for Annual Meeting	20 00
" "	"	Wm. Young, caretaker of hall	4 00
Mar. 25.	"	Grange Supply Co. for Regalia	8 40
" "	"	Welland Printing Co. for Circulars	5 00
" "	"	Expenses conferring degrees at Provincial and Dominion Grange	60 91
" "	"	Hawkins & Co., Badges for Dominion Grange	3 00
April 1.	"	T. A. Thompson, writing for Dominion Grange	25 00
" "	"	T. E. P. Sutton, Assistant Secretary	10 00
Mar. 25.	"	Members Executive Committee	52 60
May 4.	"	Watson, Thorne & Co., legal services	24 00
" "	"	Welland Printing Co	26 75
June 16.	"	Executive Committee	56 30
" "	"	L. Cheyne, conveying Grange material	3 50
July 12.	"	Russell & Son, for Electro Plate	30 00
Dec. 6.	"	Executive Committee	51 35
" "	"	A. F. Campbell, for printing	82 00
" "	"	W. P. Page, for Welland Printing Co	23 50
Sept. 12.	"	Grange Wholesale Supply Co	5 20
" "	"	Exhibition Expenses, Gifford, Campbell and Cheyne	107 75
" "	"	W. M. attending National Grange	68 88
" "	"	Lecture Bureau	56 85
" "	"	Monitor Printing Co	70 00
" "	"	W. P. Page as per acct	56 00
" "	"	Salary of Master (G. Gifford)	50 00
" "	"	Salary of Secretary (L. Cheyne) and expenses	152 50
" "	"	Salary of Treasurer (J. P. Bull) and expenses	35 00
" "	"	Auditing accounts, Bros. Hughes and Hilborn	12 50
		Carried forward	$1,713 64

		Brought forward	$1,713 64
Sept. 12	By	Band at Governor's welcome	10 00
" "	"	L. Cheyne attendance on meeting of Executive Committee	8 00
" "	"	Badges for Dominion Grange	5 70
		Total Disbursements	1,737 34
		Balance on hand	1,709 79
			$ 3,447 13

Auditors' Report.

We, the undersigned Auditors, beg leave to report that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and hereby certify to the correctness of the same, as well as the systematic manner in which said accounts are kept, proper authority being given for all payments.

The receipts and disbursements of the year have been as follows, viz.:—

Balance on hand from '81	$1,795 37
Receipts	1 651 76
Total	$3,447 13
Disbursements	1,737 34
Balance on hand	$1,709 79

E. H. HILBORN, } Auditors.
A J. HUGHES, }

Moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro. George,

THAT one hundred copies of the financial statement of Secretary and Treasurer be printed and placed in the hands of the delegates, to-day, if possible.—Carried.

A communication was read by Bro. E. H. Hilborn from Bro. Geo. Creed in *Re* a grievance, from Hants Div. Grange, Province of Nova Scotia.

A special Committee was appointed to investigate said communication, and report thereon.

On motion Messrs. Laidlaw and Abell were introduced, and addressed the Grange in reference to the influence this Organization may exert towards extending the principles of the brotherhood of man. Mr. Laidlaw then kindly extended an invitation to the members to visit St. James' Cathedral.

Mr. Abell was then introduced by Bro. Hughes, stating that Mr. Abell was an extensive manufacturer of agricultural implements. He responded, thanking the Grange for the courtesy extended to him, and also mentioned the fact that even amongst the best of threshing machines there was a waste greater than generally realized, and instanced the Centennial trial when, under the most careful precautions, there was a waste of over one per cent.

Mr. Scully, of the Immigration Department, No 156 Front street, west, Toronto, was introduced by Bro. W. P. Page, who addressed the Grange on the question of immigration, urging upon the members

the importance of sending in applications early in the season for farm help.

The Grange adjourned at 5 p. m. to accept an invitation courteously extended to them by His Honor, Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Robinson. All the officers and members of the Dominion Grange, about fifty in number, responded to His Honor's invitation. The reception was held at 5 o'clock and the visitors remained until after 6 o'clock, visiting the conservatory and other points of interest in the gubernatorial residence. Mr. Page presented each member of the Grange to the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Robinson.

EVENING SESSION.

The Secretary read a communication from H. J. Hill, Esq., Sec'y of the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, setting forth that the 19th of September has been set apart for the Granger's day.

The matter was reported to the committee on Good of the Order.

The Secretary presented his annual report.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. George,

THAT the Secretary's report be referred to committee on officers' reports.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Worthy Master, Officers, and Members of the Dominion Grange, in Council Assembled:—

I have much pleasure in presenting to you as Secretary, the ninth annual report of the Dominion Grange, and in doing so would congratulate you on the prosperity of the Order. Although not being able to report a large increase in numbers during the past year, yet we can confidently say that the Grange is practically stronger to-day than in the past, and that the good work inaugurated nine years ago is steadily moving onward and elevating the farmers of our land to nobler ends, and higher aims in life.

To achieve the object of our calling we must all work together with renewed vigor, as there are obstacles to be removed, but we must not let those difficulties that lie in our path abate our zeal or lead to an enfeebled grasp of guiding principles. It is good to withdraw occasionally from our ordinary labors, and to seek by suitable reflection to rekindle enthusiasm and strengthen our belief in the achievements we are endeavoring to perform.

If farmers do not occupy the highest positions in social and political circles it is certainly due to themselves. If we wish to impress others with the dignity of our profession we must first realize and act up to the idea that we occupy no mean place amongst the varied professions and employments.

There is no more ennobling occupation, or one which requires more scientific and practical knowledge than agriculture, and those who qualify themselves, or are instructed in the science, have within themselves the elements necessary to make the profession more desirable for persons following other pursuits in life.

The future of our order depends largely upon the educational advantages which are given the rising generation. Let us look well to the educational interest of our order, such as the CANADIAN FARMER, and *Grange Bulletin*, these journals having already done a good work in the interest of their patrons.

We will now look at the condition of the Order. There have been organized since last report, thirteen Subordinate Granges and one Division Grange, of which number six were organized in Nova Scotia, two in New Brunswick and five in Ontario. There are now on record 862 Subordinates, of which 797 are supposed to be in working order, no charters having been surrendered during the past year.

The Lecture Bureau has been doing a good work in sending lecturers to infuse new life into dormant Granges, and be the means of organizing others.

My correspondence during the past year has averaged about forty letters per month, all of which have been answered as promptly as circumstances would permit. I have had printed by order of the Executive Committee five circulars which have been sent out to Division Granges; some directly to Subordinates, entailing a large amount of labor, yet I believe the more correspondence can be had between the Dominion Grange and the Subordinates, and the nearer these two sections of our Order can be brought together the better.

In my official capacity I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and having had an opportunity to judge, from my close relationship with the Order, I am more than ever impressed with its importance, and the grand future there is in store for the Grange if all work harmoniously together to accomplish its true objects.

Moved by Bro. Jesse Trull, Seconded by Sister VanCamp:—

THAT whereas it has pleased Almighty God to lay the hand of affliction on the family of the respected Principal of our Agricultural College, James Mills, Esq., by removing therefrom a beloved child, preventing him from being present and taking part with us on the occasion of the address of welcome by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Mayor of Toronto, therefore, resolved that the sympathy of this Dominion Grange be extended to our esteemed Principal, assuring him and Mrs. Mills that our warmest sympathy and condolence are with them in this their sad bereavement. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Mills and engrossed upon the minutes.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, Seconded by Bro. Wilkie.

THAT this Grange do now adjourn to meet again at 10 a. m. to-morrow (Saturday) morning.—Carried.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Feb. 17th, 1883.

Grange opened at 10:30 a. m. In the absence of the Worthy Master, Bro. Newcomb was called to the chair.

Report of Executive Committee.

Presented and read by Bro. Wilkie. On motion Report was referred to its appropriate committee.

To the W. Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange in Council Assembled :—

Your committee have to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Order during the past year, for although all has not been sunshine and prosperity, and some Granges have fallen back, others have taken their place, and although the increase in membership may not have been so great as during some past years, we believe the Grange possessed of more of the qualities which go to give strength and permanence to day than at any previous time in its history in Canada.

The Lecture Bureau has been made use of to a much greater extent than ever before to diffuse a knowledge of the principles and objects of the Order amongst the people. and we believe much good will result from the knowledge respecting our organization which they will have acquired in this way.

There can be very little doubt that the objects of the Grange have been misunderstood by the country, and some of them by many of the members themselves, and as these errors are corrected and the people become better acquainted with its aims and intentions, it will be better appreciated.

We continued the grant to the bureau, and directed attention to it by circular, and directed parties requiring speakers to deliver addresses at large gatherings of our people, such as pic-nics, &c., to apply to for them to the Lecture Bureau.

We found new Deputies were required in several localities as the old ones had been removed by the various ways and means which time and circumstances employ for that purpose.

We asked the Division Granges, by circular, to recommend for appointment active and efficient persons where they were required, and the Worthy Master has accordingly made several new appointments.

We decided to have three thousand constitutions and four thousand copies of minutes and proceedings of Dominion Grange printed and tenders were asked for and the lowest accepted. But the work was so delayed by various causes that it was afterwards decided to have a smaller number and reduce the expense accordingly.

An omission appears in the new constitution on page 30, section 24, respecting junior members, and also on the slips which were ordered containing amendments to the constitution, and some parts of the new constitution seem to have been mis-understood ; attention was called to these by circular.

We purchased and presented to Bro. W. P. Page a handsome tea sett of silver ware as a memento of his long connection with the Dominion Grange as its Secretary, as directed by resolution at its last meeting.

In accordance with the last report on "transportation and monopolies" we prepared a circular asking candidates at the last elections for the Dominion to pledge themselves to use their vote and influence against the amalgamation of railways and their power to impose discriminative rates upon the people, and also asking them to pledge themselves not to accept any free pass or anything of such nature as would enable them to travel over any railway in this country without paying therefor the same rates that the general public were compelled to pay.

These circulars were sent to Secretaries of all Division Granges, with instructions to send two copies to each candidate at the late general elections, for his signature, and to be returned and kept as his pledge, one copy on fyle by the Secretary of the Division and the other to be kept by the Secretary of the Dominion Grange. A large number of these were signed and returned to him accordingly.

We also petitioned the Dominion Government at Ottawa to remove the vexatious restrictions on the cultivation of tobacco, and feel pleased to say that several very important concessions were made in this direction. The restrictions on the sale of tobacco were wholly removed and the grower allowed to sell to any person, instead of as formerly only to licensed buyers, and the excise duties were also reduced in various ways nearly one-third.

We received a communication from the Montreal Board of Trade, setting forth that the tolls were about to be removed from the Erie canal, and if the tolls on our canals continued to be charged on vessels using them shipping would be diverted from our waters and trade driven from our ports; and asking the co-operation of the Grange in their effort to get the tolls removed from the Canadian canals. Your committee believing that the removal of tolls would have the effect of cheapening transportation and lowering freights on both productions and supplies, and could not fail to be correspondingly beneficial to the people, instructed the Secretary to memoralize the Government at Ottawa to that effect, and advise the Montreal Board of Trade of the action they had taken.

A protest from Hants Division Grange No. 46, Nova Scotia, against the Provincial Grange of that Province, on the grounds that the delegates to that Provincial Grange had been elected by the Division and not by "electoral boards" or "sealed ballots" as required by the constitution, and therefore could not be recognized as a constitutional Provincial Grange was submitted us.

On looking into the matter we discovered that Hants Division Grange was not entitled to representation in the Provincial Grange of Nova

Scotia at the time, as they had not a sufficient number of Subordinate Granges in good standing, and further that no complaint or protest was made by Hants Division until after Nova Scotia Provincial Grange had met and chosen their delegates to Dominion Grange, which had met, done its work and closed its labors.

We were unable to see that any substantial injustice had been done to Hants Division, or that they had any real grievance inflicted upon them by the election of delegates under the old system, a system which had been again returned to as far as practicable after a trial of only one year.

We therefore advised Hants Division Grange to give their adhesion to the Provincial Grange of Nova Scotia as then constituted, in order to procure the benefits and advantages of our organization.

This course we believe to be conducive to the best interests of all concerned, and our whole order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. WILKIE, }
JABEL ROBINSON, } Executive Committee.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Hilborn,

THAT the Executive Committee call the attention of the Subordinate Granges to Article 1, Section 24, Sub-Granges, wherein it states that the junior members of the family can be admitted for the sum of 25 cents fees, and 25 cents per annum.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hughes,

THAT the Executive Committee be instructed to pay Bro. J.R. Thompson, of Washington, U. S., the sum of $25, who performed certain work for Dominion Grange. Also to write the National Grange, asking that body to take the required steps, for the return of money paid by mistake to Bro. T. A. Thompson, of Dakota.

A communication was read by the Secy., from the Secy. of the Montreal Board of Trade relative to the insolvency account. On motion said communication was referred to Committee on Legislation.

On motion Grange adjourned at 12.30 to meet again at 2 p. m.—Carried.

SECOND DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, Feb. 17th, 1883.

Grange met at 2 p, m.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Nelles,

THAT Bros. Bull and Cheyne be delegates to represent the Dominion Grange at the Industrial Exhibition to be held in Toronto in September next.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. George, seconded by Bro. H. Glendenning,

THAT the report of Agriculture and Education be received and adopted as read.—Carried.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange in Council Assembled:—

We, your Committee on Agriculture and Education, beg leave to submit the following report :—

In dealing with the important subject of Agriculture, upon which is based the nation's prosperity, your committee fully recognize the fact, that great improvements have been made in the system of Agriculture during the past ten years. But in our opinion it is far below the standard it should be in a country possessing such vast Agricultural resources as this Dominion. In view of the increasing demands for our farm products in the markets of Great Britain, and the close competition that must necessarily arise between the farms of both countries.

In order that we may hope to successfully compete with them, with all their advantages of cheap labor and scientific farming, Your committee would recommend a more scientific and thorough system of agriculture, by recommending the Provincial Government to

assist in establishing Agricultural Schools and Experimental Farms, and the establishment of creameries, the most improved system in the respective Provinces.

We would recommend that the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange make arrangements with Dominion Emigration Department, to send a notice to the Secretary of each Subordinate Grange, previous to the arrival of immigrants, to enable the farmers to apply for farm labourers and servant girls or make selections personally for themselves.

We also recommend our farmers to secure the best breeds of stock and feed them on the most approved plans, which in our opinion, would be a financial gain and increase the fertility of their farms.

We further recommend the Dominion Government be urged to establish a uniform system of grading barley, and that no measure less in size than half a bushel be used for testing the weight, and the use of the funnel for filling be abolished and that the standard weight per bushel for No. 1 barley be forty-eight pounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. GEORGE.
HY. GLENDENNING.
JESSE TRULL.
L. VANCAMP.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. Robt. Wilkie,

THAT this Grange leave the matter of taking part in the Provincial, Industrial or any other exhibitions, to the Executive Committee to make such arrangements as the circumstances will warrant, but should such arrangements be made, and a tent put up, it is highly desirable that a plentiful supply of Grange Literature should be on hand for distribution.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. Brock,

THAT the rule providing for the election of officers of this Grange, on the second day of its meeting, at 3 o'clock, be suspended until it is convenient to proceed with it.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, and resolved,

THAT after having heard the explanation of the officers of the Canadian Mutual Aid Association as to its organization and appointment of officers and election of auditors, and knowing that the officers have given bonds to the amount of $60,000 for the faithful performance of their duty, hereby express our confidence in the principles of the Association, and cheerfully recommend it to the favorable consideration of our members.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Robinson,

THAT we do now adjourn until nine o'clock on Monday morning.—Carried.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 19th, 1883.

Grange opened in due form. W. M. Bro. Gifford in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Sister Nelles.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange in Council Assembled:—

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report that in consideration of a subject of such great importance to the moral welfare of the country, it is but just to say that the limited time at our disposal will not allow us to devote to it that consideration which its importance demands.

It is universally admitted among sensible and candid people, that intemperance is the great curse of our country. In both city and country there are hundreds of men and women who cannot resist the evil influences of drink, men and women who are conscious, too, that they are going to destruction, and who have ceased to fight against the appetite for alcoholic drinks.

Woman has never been associated with wine without disgrace and misery. The name of mother, wife or sister ought to be considered too sacred to be in any way connected with such a degrading evil. Man's love for strong drink has ruined the lives of more women and brought to them more sorrow and hardship than anything else in the world.

Imagine the thousands of homes scattered all over the world, in which women live lives of torture, because those they love have been led away by their worst enemy, wine.

The truth is, there is no question before the public to-day, of half as much importance as the temperance question, and still there are thousands of people who are daily suffering from the effects of liquor, either upon

themselves or those around them, who do not take the first step towards helping to rid the country of the poison with which it is flooded; and will, therefore, briefly hint at a few of the means which in our opinion might be successfully employed in counteracting some of the barriers which stand so prominently in the way of ridding the country of the evils of intemperance.

Were our households possessed of attractions of a more elevating character and enjoyments fully satisfying the demands of youthful desire, calculated to teach lessons of morality and sobriety, and at the same time seasoned with sufficient mirth to secure the interest and respect of our boys, there would be less liability of their seeking gratification in the companionship of those who frequent the bar-room or social drinking table.

Were the ladies of Canada more outspoken in their disapproval of such companionship, and not only so, but universally to become champions of prohibitory principles and strenuously avoid association with such, we believe the check upon the social drinking system would be a wholesome one, and the lessons thus taught would undoubtedly bear fruit at the proper time, and rid the country of the evil, believing that all public questions affecting the morals of the social household and the family to the extent that this one does, are properly domestic as well as public questions, and upon this principle, that responsible government places the franchise in the hands of those who have the burdens to bear, we believe that extension of that right to the ladies of Canada upon this question would be not only justice to them but a blessing to the country at large.

We wish to express our approval of the sentiments expressed by the Delegates that waited upon the Grange from the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance (Rev. Mr. Smith and H. O'Hara) and heartily join with them in the desire to rid the country of the great evil of intemperance. We quite agree with the opinion that this is a subject the Legislature of the country should deal with, and further, in connection with this we strongly recommend the beneficial effect of church and home influence.

May the blessing of God be extended to all those whose efforts tend to the establishment of temperance in the land, is the desire of your committee.

SISTER A. S. NELLES,
" E. H. HILBORN.
" G. LETHBRIDGE.

Moved by Sister A. S. Nelles, seconded by Bro. H. Glendenning,

THAT the report upon temperance as read, be adopted.—Carried.

Bro. Shepley was called upon by the W. M. to give his experience upon the working of the Grange in the County of Essex, and also Bro. Glendenning upon the standing in Ontario Division.

Report of committee upon the good of the order read by Bro. Shepley and adopted.

The report of the Lecture Bureau was read by Bro. W. N. Harris.

It was moved and seconded,

THAT it be received and referred to two auditors to report. The auditors appointed were Bros. George and Nelles.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws, read by Bro. Hilborn.

Moved and seconded,

THAT it be adopted.—Carried.

Report of Secretary of Lecture Bureau.

From the accompanying statement of disbursements and receipts it will be seen that seventy-five lectures have been delivered at an expense to those organizations forming the Lecture Bureau of $1.23 per lecture after paying all expenses. This is supposing that the $32.50 due from Granges will be remitted us.

It will also be seen that the first twenty-five lectures cost the Bureau $113.70, while the latter fifty lectures have cost nothing. This is owing to the applications being nearer each other, and far more numerous.

The Grange Wholesale Supply Co. has borne all the expense of stationery, postage, and correspondence, excepting 72 cents postage sent Bro. R. Wilkie for posters sent him to distribute among the Subordinate Granges of Kent Division.

As all the funds expended and received by the Bureau pass through the Secretary's hands, and as no Auditors have been appointed to investigate the accounts and check his vouchers, it would be no more than justice to him that the Dominion Grange be requested to appoint an Auditor, who shall check vouchers and examine accounts, leaving no room for suspicion of improper expenditures of Bureau Funds.

In the year 1881 the Dominion Grange paid $151.30 for 35 lectures. The Lecture Bureau not only gave the Dominion Grange an increase of 40 lectures, but effected a saving in cash of $94.45, or equivalent to a total saving of $245.75 to that body. Taking these facts into consideration, would it not be well to request that the Dominion Grange allow the fee of $10.00 for organizing Granges to go into the funds of the Lecture Bureau for those Granges formed in the North West and Manitoba on condition that the Bureau put a good Lecturer in the field to organize Granges in that Province in response to the many applications from friends who would become Patrons?

W. B. HUNT, *Secretary Lecture Bureau.*

LECTURE BUREAU STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

1882.

February 9th	Paid S. W. Hill, for expenses and for lectures in the County of Waterloo	$10 00	
" 23,	Paid S. W. Hill for eight lectures, delivered in County Victoria and expenses	32 45	
March 30th	E. H. Hilborn, for 7 lectures and expenses	35 00	
April 13th	E. H. Hilborn, for 5 " "	25 00	
June 23rd	W. P. Page for attending Pic-Nic	5 50	
" 26th	E. H. Hilborn, for attending Pic-Nic of Elgin Middlesex and Lambton Division	14 75	
			$123 70

RECEIPTS.

1882.

April 13th	William Hunter	$ 5 00	
June 23rd	W. H. Smith	5 00	
July 27th	Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co	18 95	
" 31st	Mutual Aid	18 95	
	Grange Wholesale Supply Co	18 95	
1883 February	Dominion Grange	56 85	
			$123 70

Commencing October 1882.

October 9th,	Paid for printing 1000 page Letter Circulars	$ 8 00	
November 10	Paid Jabel Robinson for 2 lectures and expenses	11 50	
" 10	Paid Hill & Wier, for printing large posters	6 50	
December 5	Paid Jabel Robinson for delivering 7 lectures and expenses	23 00	
" 30	Paid Jabel Robinson for 8 lectures and expenses	28 00	
1883 Jan. 23d	Paid Jabel Robinson for 10 lectures and expenses	25 60	
February 7th	Paid E. H. Hilborn for 9 lectures and expenses	49 50	
" 9th	Paid Jabel Robinson for 14 lectures and traveling expenses	65 95	
			$218 05

RECEIPTS.

1882.

November 22	Received from Jared Dryden	$ 5 00	
" 22	" " E. S. Hunt	5 00	
" 27	" " J. J. Sherk	5 00	
December 20	" " E. S. Liedy	5 00	
" 30	" " Jabel Robinson, collections for lectures paid him this day	40 00	
January 23	Received from Jabel Robinson for collections for lectures paid him	42 50	
February 7	Received from E. H. Hilborn, collection for lectures paid him this day	40 00	
" 9	Received from Jabel Robinson, collection on lectures paid him this day	65 00	
			$207 00
	Paid out	11 05	
	Paid postage for posters sent Bro. R. Wilkie	72	
			$ 11 77
	Amount due the Lecture Bureau from Granges where lectures have been delivered, Centre Bruce Division Grange 4 lectures	$20 00	
	Kent Division Grange (Kent Bridge)	2 50	
	Nairn Subordinate Grange	5 00	
	York Division Grange	5 00	
			$ 32 50

TORONTO, Feb'y 9th, 1883.

Moved by Bro. W. Brock, seconded by Bro. George,

THAT the report of Lecture Bureau, as read, be received and laid on the table to be submitted to two auditors.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Trull, seconded by Bro. B. L. Van Camp,

THAT Bros. George and Nelles be appointed to audit the accounts of Lecture Bureau.—Carried.

On motion Grange adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, Feb. 19, 1883.

Grange resumed at 2 p.m.

Committee appointed to report on the accounts of the Lecture Bureau.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange, in Council Aesembled:—

We beg to submit the following; that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Secretary, and find that the total expenditure for lectures since February 18th, 1881, amounts to $342.47. We also find that seventy-five lectures have been delivered during that time, and find $32.50 due from Granges for lectures delivered. Signed,

WM. F. GEORGE.
S. A NELLES.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro. Nelles,

THAT the first order of business of the evening session be the election of officers.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hughes,

THAT owing to certain restrictions being placed upon the higher education of women by the universities and colleges of our country, therefore be it resolved,

THAT we hereby recommend to the various legislative bodies of our country the desirability and importance of removing all such restrictions, so that the privileges and advantages of our public educational institutions may be equally available for both sexes.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. S. A. Nelles,

THAT this Grange pay the sum of ten dollars to John and William Kennedy, messengers to the Legislative Assembly, for their kindness and courtesy extended to the members of Dominion and Provincial Grange, during the present session.—Carried.

A communication was submitted and read from Bro. Edwin S. Creed, Secretary of Hants Division Grange, relative to a certain grievance in said Division Grange.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. Currie,

THAT Bros. Glendenning, Newcomb and George be a committee to investigate the communication from Bro. Edwin S. Creed.—Carried.

Bro. Hughes submitted report on Finance.

Finance Committee's Report.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange, in Council Assembled :—

We your committee on above subject, beg leave to report, recommending that the yearly allowance to officers of the Grange be continued as at present, viz.: To Worthy Master, $50.00; Worthy Secretary, $150.00, and to the Treasurer, $30.00; and that all delegates and members attending present session of Dominion Grange be paid the sum of $10 each, and the necessary railway expenses; provided further that those delegates and members residing distant more than 100 miles from the place of meeting, be paid an additional sum of $2 each. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. HUGHES.
GEO. LETHBRIDGE.
S. A. NELLES.
R. WILKIE.

Moved by Bro A. J. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Wilkie,

THAT the report be adopted.—Carried.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE MAYOR OF TORONTO.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. E. H. Hilborn,

THAT this Dominion Grange tender to His Worship Mayor Boswell and the Aldermen of the City of Toronto, its most cordial thanks for their very extended kindness and courtesy to us since our assembling here, in extending to us so cordial a welcome, and escorting our people to the various places of interest in the city, and would assure His Worship and the members of the City Council that this Grange appreciates very highly their laudable attempt to bring country and city into a closer relationship with each other; that a copy of this resolution be sent to His Worship and published in the daily papers.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Hants Division Grange Impeachment.

To the Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange in Council assembled:

WE, your committee, knowing all the circumstances relative to the matter of impeachment contained in the letter of Brother Edwin S. Creed, Master of Hants Division Grange, received and read before the Grange at this date, and having investigated and considered the case fully, do hereby beg to report that we exonerate the Worthy Master, Bro. A. Gifford, and the members of Executive Committee from all blame in the matter; and further beg to state that the course which these worthy officers have pursued in the matter of complaint against the Nova Scotia Provincial Grange has been most wise and judicious, and has saved much trouble to the officers and members.

Fraternally submitted.

H. GLENDENNING, Chairman.

On motion adopted.

Report of the Committee on Good of the Order.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange in Council assembled:

YOUR Committee on Good of the Order fully realize our inability to do justice to the subject we have in hand, inasmuch as a great deal has been written on this subject, but we would respectfully submit the following report:—

WE have been pleased to notice the good results accruing to the Grange through the medium of the Lecture Bureau, and would recommend our Subordinate Granges, as far as possible, to avail themselves of this means of spreading Grange knowledge. Yet we should not lose sight of the fact that the life and prosperity of the Grange depends on the interest taken by every member of the Order.

WE suggest that an endeavor be made to increase the attendance at our meetings of Subordinate Granges.

Hence we believe that the work should be planned with the greatest

care, and only such subjects brought before the Grange as will be of interest in developing a deeper research into the science of agriculture.

We should not lose sight of the fact that in no time of our past history have we needed to exercise more care in our Legislation than we do at present, so that we may retain the respect and confidence which has been shown our Order by those in authority during this session of Provincial and Dominion Grange.

And we feel it to be our duty to call the attention of the Grange to the importance of planting shade trees along our roads, as well as around our dwellings, and thereby increase and strengthen the attachments of our children for the work and calling of the farm.

BROS. J.C. SHEPLEY,
" S. A. NELLES.
" J. TRULL,
SISTER J. TRULL,
" L. VANCAMP,
} Committee on Good of the Order.

Moved by Bro. Brock, seconded by Bro. McLeod,

THAT we do now adjourn. to meet in session at 7:15 p. m.—Carried.

THIRD DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

Monday, Feb. 19, 1883,

Grange opened at 7 p.m., W. M. in the chair. Bro. Newcomb presented report on officers' reports, which was received and adopted.

The Auditor's Report was then submitted and discussed at some length, after which it was moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hughes,

THAT Auditors' Report be adopted.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

To the Worthy Master, Officers, and Members of the Dominion Grange, in Council Assembled:—

We, your committee on Officers' Reports, after reviewing the several addresses presented by the officers of your Grange, would respectfully draw your attention to some of the subjects embraced therein.

WORTHY MASTER'S ADDRESS.

We highly appreciate the able address of our Worthy Master, and earnestly commend the sentiments therein expressed upon the various subjects embraced, to the careful consideration of the members of the order. We would particularly draw attention to his views upon Railway Monopolies, and the necessity for measures to prevent these corporations from exercising the powers they have obtained, to the injury of the public interest. We are glad that he complied with the instructions given him to visit the National Grange of the United States, and pleased to learn that he was cordially welcomed by the officers and members of that body.

We have examined the reports of the other several officers of your Grange and find them correct, and would recommend that they be published in full in the minutes; and further recommend that in any future financial reports they be as fully itemized as practicable. Fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM BROCK,
D. B. NEWCOMB,
ROBERT CURRIE,
GEO. LETHBRIDGE, } Committee.

On motion, adopted.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge,

THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay for the printing of the Financial Statements of Secretary and Treasurer, the sum of $6.00.—Carried.

Wearing The Badge.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. R. Curry,

THAT Sec. 2, Page 50, Parliamentary Guide, be changed to read as follows:—The wearing of the prescribed badge is one of the established usages of the order, and is the duty of all members, when the Grange is in session, except when a member claims exemption on religious grounds, when he may be excused by the master. All Granges should provide themselves with the established badge.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. W. Brock,

THAT this Dominion Grange tender to the Ontario Government its sincere thanks for their kindness in placing at our disposal the use of the parliament buildings for the present session, and assure them that such an act of courtesy and recognition on their part is duly appreciated by us.—Carried.

Report of Committee on the Constitution.

To Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange in Council Assembled:—

Your committee on constitution beg leave to report that we have examined the various suggestions and notices given, and beg to recommend

the following: That article VII., sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, Subordinate Granges be repealed. That article I., section 2 constitution of Provincial Grange be amended by striking out the words Electoral District, and substituting the words Division Grange ; also by substituting the word Subordinate in the fifth line of said section, and striking out the remainder of said section. Section 3 repealed, section 4 repealed, section 6 repealed, section 8 repealed. and the following substituted :

Any Division Grange receiving and forwarding to the Secretary of the Provincial Grange twelve quarterly reports from Subordinate Granges during the fiscal year preceding the meeting of such Provincial Grange, shall be entitled to one delegate.

Thirty-six quarterly reports will entitle each division to two delegates.

Sixty-four quarterly reports will entitle each division to three delegates.

One hundred quarterly reports entitle each division to four delegates, and one delegate for each full forty additional quarterly reports.

In regard to the notice given to abolish Provincial Granges, your committee could not recommend any change.

Article 1, Section 1, Constitution of Dominion Grange be amended by striking out the word officers.

Article 2, Section 12, Constitution of Dominion Grange, be repealed and the following substituted, that all ex-members of any representative Grange Division, Provincial, or Dominion shall continue to be honorary members so long as they remain members of the Order in good standing, and be at liberty to take part in all its deliberations, subject to a reasonable restraint from the chair ; and all fourth degree members in good standing who may be present at the meeting for the election of officers shall be eligible for election to any office in any Grange. None but those who are duly accredited delegates shall be entitled to vote in any Grange.

That Article IV., Section 5, add officers after the word members in second line.

Your committee also recommend that in the matter of triennial sessions of Dominion Grange no action be taken.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. HILBORN,
JABEL ROBINSON,
ROBT. CURRIE,
D. B. NEWCOMB,
THOMAS S. McLEOD.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Glendenning,

That the report of Committee on Constitution be adopted as recommended.—Carried.

The Constitution as amended will be found at the end of these proceedings, commencing at page 33.

Election of Officers.

The time having arrived as per previous notice, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. On motion, Bros. Hunt and O'Neil were appointed scrutineers for the election.

MASTER..... ....BRO. JABEL ROBINSON.....Middlemarch, Ont.
OVERSEER .....BRO. W. F. GEORGE.....Sackville, N. B.
SECRETARY .....BRO. LUTHER CHEYNE.....Brampton, Ont.
TREASURER.....BRO. J. P. BULL.....Downsview, Ont.
LECTURER .....BRO. E. H. HILBORN.....Uxbridge, Ont.
CHAPLAIN.....BRO. S. A. NELLES.....Grimsby. Ont.
STEWARD .....BRO. GEO. LETHBRIDGE.....Strathburn, Ont.
ASSIS'T STEWARD..BRO. W. BROCK.....Adelaide, Ont.
GATE-KEEPER....BRO. L. VANCAMP.....Bowmanville, Ont.
CERES.....SIS. W. F. GEORGE.....Sackville, N. B.
POMONA.....SIS. S. A. NELLES.....Grimsby, Ont.
FLORA .....SIS. L. VANCAMP.....Bowmanville, Ont.
L. A. STEWARD..SIS. G. LETHBRIDGE.....Strathburn, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ROBERT CURRIE.....Wingham. Ont.
HENRY GLENDENNING.....Manilla, Ont.

AUDITORS.

THOS. McLEOD..... Dalston, Ont.
JESSE TRULL.....Oshawa, Ont.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. Robt. Currie,

THAT the Worthy Master, Bro. Jabel Robinson, be elected delegate from this Grange to the National Grange of the United States.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. Newcomb,

THAT the next meeting of the Dominion Grange be held in the City of Ottawa, during the sitting of the Dominion Parliament.—Carried.

After which the newly elected officers of the Grange were installed by Bro. D. B. Newcomb, of Nova Scotia, our overseer of Dominion Grange.

Moved by Bro. Brock, seconded by Bro. George,

THAT the hearty thanks of this Grange be tendered to Bro. Gifford, Past Master of Dominion Grange, for his efficient services during the past year.

Moved by A. J. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Newcomb,

THAT a committee be appointed consisting of Bros. Hilborn, Gifford and Hughes, and Sisters Hilborn, Nelles and Lethbridge, to design a suitable badge to take the place of our regalia now declared *nil* by this Grange, also an emblem pin, and to submit the same to the Executive Com-

mittee for their approval, who shall when approved contract with a manufacturer of each of the articles to furnish them to the Grange through our Worthy Secretary at wholesale rates.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. R. Wilkie,

THAT the Executive Committee be authorized to get 3000 copies of the minutes of the proceedings of this Dominion Grange printed for distribution among the Subordinate Granges, at as early a date as possible, and that the amended constitution be also printed in the same pamphlet.—Carried.

Grange closed in due form.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

DOMINION GRANGE,

WITH

CONSTITUTION

OF

PROVINCIAL AND SUBORDINATE GRANGES,

AS AMENDED AT THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

DOMINION GRANGE,

HELD IN

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 16TH, 17TH AND 19TH, 1883.

DOMINION GRANGE

OF THE

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

PREAMBLE.

Human happiness is the acme of earthly ambition. Individual happiness depends upon general prosperity and the adoption of right principles. The prosperity of a nation is in proportion to the value of its productions.

The soil is the source from whence we derive all that constitutes wealth ; without it we would have no agriculture, no manufactures, no commerce. Of all the material gifts of the Creator, the various productions of the vegetable world are of the first importance. The art of agriculture is the parent and precursor of all arts, and its products the foundation of all wealth.

The productions of the earth are subject to the influence of natural laws, invariable and indisputable ; the amount produced will consequently be in proportion to the intelligence of the producer, and success will depend upon his knowledge of the action of these laws, and the proper application of their principles.

Hence, knowledge is the foundation of happiness.

The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purposes, expand the mind by tracing the beautiful laws the Great Creator has established in the Universe, and to enlarge our views of creative wisdom and power.

To those who read aright, history proves that in all ages society is fragmentary, and successful results of general welfare can be secured only by general effort. Unity of action cannot be acquired without discipline, and discipline cannot be enforced without significant organization , hence we have a ceremony of initiation which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron ; but, although its influence is powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken threads that binds a wreath of flowers.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

MOTTO.

1. We heartily endorse the motto: "In essentials, Unity; in non-essentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity."

SPECIFIC OBJECTS.

2. We shall endeavor to advance our cause by laboring to accomplish the following objects:

To develope a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves.

To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes; and strengthen our attachment to our pursuits.

To foster mutual understanding and co-operation.

To reduce our expenses both individual and corporate.

To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farm self-sustaining.

To diversify our crops, and crop no more than we can properly cultivate.

To condense the weight of our exports, selling less in the bushel, and more on hoof and in fleece.

To systematize our work, and calculate intelligently on probabilities.

To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.

We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buy-

ing together, selling together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as occasion may require.

We shall avoid litigation as much as possible by arbitration in the Grange.

We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, all selfish ambition.

We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony, good-will, vital brotherhood among ourselves, and to make our Order perpetual.

BUSINESS RELATIONS.

3. For our business interests we desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into the most direct and friendly relation possible. Hence we must dispense with a surplus of middlemen ; not that we are unfriendly to them, but we do not need them.

Their surplus and their exactions diminish our profits.

We wage no aggressive warfare against any other interest whatever. On the contrary, all our acts and all our afforts, as far as business is concerned, are not only for the benefit of the producer and consumer, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact. Hence we hold that transportation companies of every kind are necessary to our success ; that their interests are intimately connected with our interest, and harmonious action is mutually advantageous, upon the principle that individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.

We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise, as tend to oppress the people and rob them of their just profit.

We are not enemies to capital ; but we oppose the tyranny of monopolies.

We long to see the antagonism between capital and labor removed by common consent, and by enlightened statesmanship worthy of the nineteenth century.

We are opposed to excessive salaries, high rates of interest, and exorbitant per cent. profits in trade. They greatly increase our burdens, and do not bear a proper proportion to the profits of producers.

We desire only self-protection, and the protection of every true interest of our land, by legitimate transactions, legitimate trade and legitimate profits.

EDUCATION.

4. We shall advance the cause of education, among ourselves, and for our children, by all just means within our power. We especially advocate for our agricultural and industrial colleges and public schools that practical agriculture, domestic science, and all the arts which adorn the home, be taught in their courses of study.

POLITICAL RELATIONS.

5. We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our organic law, that the Grange is not a political or party organization. No Grange, if true to its obligations, can discuss party, political, or religious questions. nor call political conventions, nor nominate candidates, nor even discuss their merits in its meetings, nor permit any discussion upon questions on which we stand divided by party lines.

Yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country.

For we seek the greatest good to the greatest number. But we must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron, gives up that inalienable right and duty, which belongs to every citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country.

On the contrary, it is the right of every member to do all in his power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he belongs.

It is his duty to do all he can to put down bribery, corruption and trickery ; and see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will unflinchingly stand by our industrial interests, are nominated for all positions of trust; and to have carried out the principle which should always characterize every Patron, that "the office should seek the man, and not the man the office."

We acknowledge the broad principle, that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "Progress towards truth is made by difference of opinion," while "the fault lies in bitterness of controversy." We desire proper equality, equity and fairness, protection for the weak, restraint upon the strong, in short, justly distributed burdens and justly distributed power.

It is reserved by every Patron, as his right as a freeman, to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his principles. Ours being peculiarly a farmers' institution, we cannot admit all to our ranks. Many are excluded by the nature of our organization, not because they are professional men, or laborers, or artisans, but because they have not a sufficient direct interest

in tilling the soil, or may have some interest in conflict with our purposes. But we appeal to all good citizens for their cordial co-operation to assist in our efforts towards reform.

CONCLUSION.

6. It shall be an abiding principle with us to relieve any of our oppressed and suffering brotherhood by any means at our command.

Last, but not least, we proclaim it among our purposes to inculcate a proper appreciation of the abilities and sphere of woman as is indicated by admitting her to membership and position in our Order.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

DOMINION GRANGE.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION.

Seventh Degree—Ceres, (faith).

Section 1. Shall be composed of the delegates from Provincial Granges and their wives, if matrons, upon the following scale of representation, viz.: One delegate for each full thirty Subordinate Granges in good standing, within the jurisdiction of such Provincial Grange, provided that each Provincial Grange shall have at least one delegate, even though the number of Subordinate Granges under its jurisdiction is less than thirty, but not less than ten.

Sec. 2. All delegates to Dominion Grange shall be elected annually.

Sec. 3. No Provincial, Division or Electoral District, or Union thereof shall be entitled to representation in Dominion Grange unless at least two quarters' reports for the fiscal year have been duly made, and the capitation tax paid thereon, and their representation shall be based upon the total number of Granges in good standing at the last report made previous to the meeting of Dominion Grange.

Sec. 4. Provinces having no Provincial Grange, and having fifteen or more Subordinate Granges, may, by uniting in an Electoral District, send one delegate to the Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

THEIR DUTIES, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Sec. 1. The officers of the Dominion Grange shall consist of and rank as follows, viz.: Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward, also two Auditors and an Executive Committee of three members, one of whom shall be the Master.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected annually, at a regular meeting of Dominion Grange. All elections shall be by ballot.

Sec. 3. Vacancies by death, resignation, or otherwise, to be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee until the first meeting of Dominion Grange, when an election shall take place.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Dominion Grange or Executive Committee ; to see that all officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties, to see that the Constitution, By-laws, Principles, Rules and Usages of the Order and also the resolutions of the Dominion Grange are observed and obeyed, to properly take and announce the result of all ballots and other votes of the Grange, to sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer subject to instructions of the Grange or Executive Committee and to perform all other duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all proceedings of Dominion Grange ; to keep a just and true account of all monies received by him, and pay over to the Treasurer monthly, taking his receipt therefor ; and to make a full report of all transactions to the Dominion Grange at each session ; he shall also prepare and issue a quarterly circular containing all items of information from the reports from Provincial Granges and all other matters of interest to the Order, and publish the same in such form as the Executive Committee shall direct ; he shall conduct all correspondence of the Dominion Grange and Executive Committee ; he shall keep the account of the Provincial Granges with the Dominion, (and also all other Granges not under the jurisdiction of Provincials) and a complete register of the names, numbers and locations of all Granges under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Grange, with the names and addresses of the Masters and Secretaries of each, and perform all other duties pertaining to such office as required by Executive Committee or Dominion Grange.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn upon him by the Secretary and approved by the Master ; to keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out, and present a detailed statement of the same to the regular meetings of Dominion Grange, showing

the balance on hand ; he shall keep his book open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditors at all times, and shall deliver up at any time all monies, books, papers or other property pertaining to his office, in his possession, upon the order of the Master, under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall be the custodian of all monies and other assets of the Grange.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order, having authority to act on all matters of interest when the Dominion Grange is not in session ; may appoint deputies and business agents as occasion requires, and shall direct the payment of all monies from the Dominion Grange Treasury ; and shall present a detailed account of their acts to the Dominion Grange on the first day of its Annual Session.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit all books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report the same to the regular meetings of the Dominion Grange on the first day of the session ; and shall report oftener to the Executive Committee should it be deemed necessary, having authority to inspect said books and accounts at any time ; and shall report any irregularities in the same to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 9. The duties of the Overseer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward, shall be the same as the duties prescribed for those officers by the Constitution of Subordinate Granges, Article iv., sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Sec. 10. Such compensation for time and services shall be paid to the officers of Dominion Grange as the Grange may, from time to time, determine, and other persons in the employ of the Dominion Grange as the Executive may, from time to time, determine, unless otherwise provided for by the Grange.

Sec. 11. All questions of Administration or Jurisprudence, arising in and between Provincial, Division and Subordinate Granges, and appeals from the action and decisions thereof, shall be referred to the Master and Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, whose decisions shall be respected and obeyed until over-ruled by action of Dominion Grange, whose action thereon shall be final.

Sec. 12. That all ex-members of any representative Grange, Division, Provincial, or Dominion, shall continue to be honorary members so long as they remain members of the Order in good standing, and be at liberty to take part in all its deliberations, subject to a reasonable restraint from the chair ; and all fourth degree members in good standing who may be present at the meeting for the election of officers, shall be eligible for election to any office in any Grange. None but those who are duly accredited delegates shall be entitled to vote in any Grange.

Sec. 13. The Secretary and Treasurer of all Granges, Dominion, Provincial, Division and Subordinate, shall give bonds to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee or the Grange, for the faithful performance of their duties, and shall present their reports to the Grange upon the first day of each annual session.

ARTICLE III.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Sec. 1. All charters and dispensations issue directly from the Dominion Grange upon application of deputies or direction of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, and shall contain a blank for the names of the parties who have applied for the same.

Sec. 2. Nine men and four women, having signed an application and paid the required fee, shall, if application is approved, receive the four degrees and be entitled to dispensation.

Sec. 3. Applications for dispensations must be signed by persons applying for same, accompanied by a fee of ($20) twenty dollars, and shall be made direct to Secretary of Dominion Grange, with the accompanying fee.

Sec. 4. Deputies organizing Subordinate Granges shall be remunerated from Dominion Grange Treasury upon order of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. Charter members are those whose names are upon the application, the fees being paid, at organization. Charters shall be issued to Subordinate Granges by the Dominion Grange after three months' good standing, upon application of the Granges, whose first quarterly report shall be a sufficient guarantee of their successful working.

Sec. 6. Five Subordinate Granges in any section where there is no Division Grange can apply for authority to organize a Division Grange, but such application must be granted by the Executive Committee of the Provincial Grange under whose jurisdiction the proposed Division is situated.

Sec. 7. In case of forfeiture or suspension of a Charter, the members have a right to join any other Grange in the Province by producing satisfactory evidence that they were members of the defunct Grange, without any additional fee, but must submit to a ballot.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The Dominion Grange shall meet annually at such time and place as the Grange may from year to year determine. Should the Dominion Grange adjourn without selecting the time and place of meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint the time and place and notify the Secretary of the Dominion Grange, who shall give at least thirty days' notice to the Secretary of each Provincial Grange and all others entitled to a voice in proceedings of Dominion Grange.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the Dominion Grange may be called by the Executive Committee, one month's notice of such meeting being given to all members of the Dominion Grange and others entitled to a voice therein.

Sec. 3. The Dominion Grange, at its annual session, shall frame, amend or repeal such laws as the good of the Order may require, provided notice shall be given of any of the desired amendments six months previous to the annual meeting, All laws of Provincial, Division and Subordinate Granges must conform to the Constitution and By-laws adopted by the Dominion Grange.

Sec. 4. No delegate shall be allowed to leave until the Grange finally closes its sittings without special permission and shall forfeit his expenses by so doing.

Sec. 5. The actual and necessary travelling disbursements of members and officers attending sessions of Dominion Grange shall be paid by Dominion Grange funds. This Constitution, with that relating to Provincial, Division and Subordinate Granges, shall come in force and take effect three months after the necessary amendments have been made to the Act of Incorporation, except so much thereof as pertains to the number of members of the Executive Committee, which shall not take effect till the next meeting of Dominion Grange.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

PROVINCIAL GRANGES.

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ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

Sixth Degree—Flora, (charity.)

Sec. 1. Provincial Granges may be organized in any of the Provinces in the Dominion having thirty or more Subordinate Granges.

Sec. 2. Provincial Granges shall be composed of delegates from Division Granges in such proportion as each Provincial Grange may determine. But the delegation to the first or organization meeting shall be one delegate and his wife (if a matron) from each Subordinate Grange.

Sec. 3. Where sufficient Granges exist in any Province, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, through the Secretary, to notify the Divisions or Subordinate Granges as the case may be, to elect delegates to meet at some central place to form a Provincial Grange in accordance with the constitution.

Sec. 4. Provincial Granges shall be represented in the Dominion Grange by one delegate and his wife, if a matron, for each full thirty Subordinate Granges in good standing.

Sec. 5. Any Division Grange receiving and forwarding to the Secretary of the Provincial Grange twelve quarterly reports from Subordinate Granges, during the fiscal year preceding the meeting of such Provincial Grange, shall be entitled to one delegate. Thirty-six quarterly reports will entitle each Division to two delegates. Sixty-four quarterly reports will entitle each Division to three delegates. One hundred quarterly reports will entitle each Division to four delegates, and one delegate for each full forty additional quarterly reports.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers shall consist of, and rank, as follows: Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Asst. Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward; also two auditors, and two members of Executive Committee, to be elected annually.

Sec. 2. All officers shall be elected annually and by ballot, at a regular meeting of the Provincial Grange. The Master shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. Vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise, to be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee until the first meeting of the Provincial Grange, when an election will take place.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Provincial Grange or Executive Committee; to see that all officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the constitution, by-laws, principles, rules and usages of the Order and also the resolutions of the Provincial Grange are observed and obeyed; to properly take and announce the result of all ballots and other votes of the Grange; to sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer subject to instructions of the Grange or Executive Committee, and to perform all other duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of all proceedings of the Provincial Grange; to keep a just and true account of all monies received by him, and pay over the same to the Treasurer monthly, taking his receipt therefor; to make a full report to the Provincial Grange of all transactions at each session thereof; he shall conduct all correspondence of the Provincial Grange and Executive Committee; and shall keep the account of Division (and Subordinates not connected with Division) with the Provincial Grange, and a complete register of the names, numbers and locations of all Granges under his jurisdiction, with the names and addresses of the Masters and Secretaries of each; he shall also prepare a compiled report, giving all items of information from the reports of the Secretaries of Division Granges, (and Subordinates not connected with Division) and forward the same to the Secretary of the Dominion Grange quarterly, not later than the first day of February, May, August and November in each year, together with one half of all monies received from Division Granges, (and Subordinate Granges not connected with Division) for capitation tax, retaining all initiation dues; and perform all other duties pertaining to such office as required by the Executive Committee or Provincial Grange; and shall further give to the Returning Officers of each Electoral District a statement of the standing of Subordinate Granges in each Electoral District.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn upon him by the Secretary and approved by the Master ; to keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out, and present a detailed statement of the same to the regular meetings of the Provincial Grange, on the first day of the session, showing the balance on hand ; he shall keep his books open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and auditors at all times, and shall deliver up at any time all monies, books, papers or other property pertaining to his office in his possession, upon the order of the Master under the direction of the Executive Committee ; and shall be the custodian of all monies and other assets of the Grange.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order, having authority to act on all matters of interest when the Provincial Grange is not in session ; may recommend deputies and appoint business agents as occasion requires, and shall direct the payment of all monies from the Provincial Grange Treasury ; and shall present a detailed account of all their acts to the Provincial Grange on the first day of its annual session.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit all books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and report the same to the regular meetings of the Provincial Grange, on the first day of the session, and shall report oftener to the Executive Committee, should it be deemed necessary, having authority to inspect said books and accounts at any time, and shall report any irregularities in the same to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 9. The duties of the Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate-Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward shall be the same as the duties prescribed for those officers by the constitution of Subordinate Granges, Art. III, Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Sec. 10, Such compensation for time and services shall be paid to officers in the employ of the Provincial Grange as the Grange may, from time to time, determine.

Sec. 11. All questions of administration and jurisprudence arising in and between Subordinate and Division Granges, and appeals from the actions and decisions thereof, shall be referred to the Master and Executive Committee of the Provincial Grange, whose decisions and actions shall be respected and obeyed, until overruled by action of Provincial Grange or appeal made from such decision to the Dominion Grange.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

DIVISION GRANGES.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

Fifth Degree—Pomona, (hope.)

Sec. 1. Division Granges shall be composed of the Masters of Subordinate Granges in the jurisdiction of the Division, and such number of other delegates as the Division may decide, and wives of Masters and delegates, if matrons. All Past Masters of Division Granges, and their wives, if matrons, are honorary members, but not entitled to vote.

Sec. 2. Division Granges shall be organized under a Charter granted by Dominion Grange, upon an application signed by the Masters and Secretaries of at least five Subordinate Granges, in good standing, and which shall affiliate therewith.

Sec. 3. The jurisdiction of each Division Grange shall extend over at least one County, unless otherwise specially ordered by Executive Committee of Provincial Grange, which order shall not be granted except in cases of urgent necessity.

Sec. 4. Any Division Grange may, by By-law, increase or decrease the number of delegates from the Subordinates composing such Division.

Sec. 5. Division Granges shall meet at least once a year, at such time and place as they may fix upon to suit the convenience of the majority in-

terested, and should they adjourn without fixing a time and place of meeting, the Executive Committée shall fix the same and give the proper notice.

Sec. 6. A Division Grange may recommend, through its Master, suitable persons to fill the position of Deputies, to the Master of the Dominion Grange, who will appoint the same, whose duty it shall be to organize new Granges and install officers within the jurisdiction of such Division, and shall exercise a general supervision over the Granges composing such Division.

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ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

THEIR DUTIES, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Sec. 1. The Officers of Division Granges shall consist of and rank as follows, viz: Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward; an Executive Committee of not less than three members, including the Master and Secretary, who shall be ex-officio, members thereof.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected and installed at the first regular meeting in each year. All elections shall be by ballot.

Sec. 3. The duties of all the officers, except the Secretary, shall be the same as prescribed in the Subordinate Grange—Art. III., Secs. 3, 4, 6. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Constitution of Subordinate Grange.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Grange; to prepare and forward the quarterly returns to the Secretary of the Provincial Grange, and pay to the said Secretary the sum of 25 cents for each male, and 12½ cents for each female, so

reported to him as admitted during the quarter, together with a capitation tax of 4 cents per head for each member within the jurisdiction of the Division ; to keep the accounts of the Subordinate with the Division Grange, and pay over quarterly to the Treasurer all monies coming into his hands, and to take a receipt for the same ; to keep a complete register of the number and name of all Subordinate Granges in his Division, with the name and address of the Master, Secretary and Delegates from each, and also the name and address of the Deputies and Delegates to Provincial Grange ; to give at least ten days' notice, by letter, card, or circular, of all meetings of his Division to the officers and delegates to the same. Also to keep the minutes of the meetings, and all books and accounts of the Executive Committee, and deliver the same to his successor when installed, or to whomsoever the Grange may direct.

Sec. 5. The duties of the lady officers shall be such as are prescribed by the ritual.

Sec. 6. It will be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order during the recess between meetings ; to instruct the Secretary in regard to his duties ; to decide all questions and appeals referred to them by officers and members of Subordinate Granges, so far as they have authority, and lay before the Grange, at each session, a report of all such questions with their decisions thereon, having authority to act on all matters of interest, when the Grange is not in session, not otherwise provided for. It may appoint business agents, prescribe their duties, and fix the remuneration of all officials not otherwise provided for, and shall render a full account of all its transactions at each meeting of the Division, together with any recommendation it may deem expedient in the interest of the Order.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Grange Agent to receive, collect and forward, all orders for goods under the seal of the Division Agency, and upon their arrival to see that the same are properly distributed to the parties ordering. He shall levy such per cent. upon goods purchased and upon products sold through his agency as the Executive Committee of the Grange shall direct, and each quarter, report the total cash value of such purchases and sales to the Grange. He shall keep a correct cash account of all money received and paid out by him as Grange Agent, and keep his books open to inspection at all times by the Executive Committee, and under their direction make arrangements with the retail dealers and business houses of his district, for supplying goods to members of the Order. He shall open a stock record, keep prices current from different localities that are deemed of importance, attend to the business correspondence of the Grange, and perform such other duties as the Grange or Executive Committee may from time to time direct, and receive such compensation for his services as the Executive Committee may designate, subject to the approval of the Grange.

Sec. 8. Every Division Grange shall appoint two Auditors, whose duty it shall be to audit all books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report the same at the first regular meeting in each year, previous to the election of officers, or oftener if they deem it necessary, having authority to inspect said books and accounts at any time, and shall report any irregularities in the same to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 9. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, to the satisfaction of the Grange.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

First Degree—Laborer (man), Maid (woman).
Second Degree—Cultivator (man), Shepherdess (woman).
Third Degree—Harvester (man), Gleaner (woman).
Fourth Degree—Husbandman (man), Matron (woman).

Sec. 1. Subordinate Granges shall be composed of such persons as are directly interested in agricultural pursuits, having no conflicting interest—being not less than nine males and four females who shall apply for, and be regularly organized under a Charter granted by Dominion Grange.

Sec. 2. The membership shall consist of such persons as have been initiated in, or affiliated therewith, and who have not withdrawn or been excluded therefrom.

Sec. 3. Every application for membership must be in the prescribed form accompanied by the regular fee, and shall be announced in the Grange

and referred to a committee of three, two of whom shall be appointed by the Master and one by the Overseer, which committee should be appointed at the time the application is received. Said committee shall consider the application and report to the Grange. If the committee report favorably, the Grange shall proceed to ballot for the candidate, but if adversely, and the report be adopted by the Grange, the candidate shall be considered rejected without any further action. A candidate may be ballotted for and initiated at the same meeting. When a committee reports unfavorably and the report is not adopted by the Grange a ballot must be held.

Sec. 4. It is not allowable for the Grange to discuss the merits or demerits of a candidate.

Sec. 5. In balloting for candidates the ballot is secret and no member can be required to tell how he voted.

Sec. 6. A ballot cannot be taken for more than one member at a time, each must be ballotted for separately. A candidate is only balloted for once and that is before receiving the first degree.

Sec. 7. After an applicant has been rejected, if a member voluntarily declares that he cast a black ball by mistake, the Master may immediately order another ballot.

Sec. 8. A member must not disclose outside the Grange the result of an unfavorable ballot. The application of a candidate may be withdrawn at any time before the ballot is ordered thereon, but, when a ballot is taken and the candidate elected, the application cannot be withdrawn nor the fee refunded.

Sec. 9. No application shall be received from males under the age of 16 years or females under the age of 14 years.

Sec. 10. A rejected applicant cannot be admitted until the expiration of three months after such rejection.

Sec. 11. It shall require three negative ballots to reject an applicant. A vote or ballot rejecting an applicant may be re-considered by the Grange at the same meeting, but the ballot resulting in favor of an applicant shall not be reconsidered. The fee must be refunded to a rejected applicant.

Sec. 12. No person shall be admitted to membership who has not a direct interest in the cultivation of the soil, and if having more occupations than one, the chief interest must be in agriculture. Provided that each Provincial Grange have authority to fix the eligibility of candidates in its jurisdiction.

Sec. 13. When a person who is ineligible on account of occupation has been admitted he is a member until expelled. A person who has lawfully become a member does not forfeit his membership by changing his occupation, unless such occupation conflicts with our interest, if his conduct continues to be such as becomes a good Patron, and is not hostile to the interests and objects of the Order.

Sec. 14. After a candidate has been legally elected he is entitled to initiation and the degree must be conferred unless objection is made, the nature of the objection stated, and the objection sustained by a majority of the Grange.

Sec. 15. After a member has received one or more degrees he is entitled to advancement, unless charges are preferred against him and he is expelled from the Order.

Sec. 16. If, after being elected, a candidate fails to present himself for initiation, the Grange is under no obligation to return the fee.

Sec. 17. A member who knowingly signs the application of a person under the required age, or otherwise disqualified for membership, thereby violates his obligation and invites the penalty.

Sec. 18. When a candidate is being ballotted for, and exactly three black balls appear, the Master may allow the ballot to be retaken, and, if three black balls again appear, the candidate is rejected and the ballot cannot be repeated.

Sec. 19. A member advancing the initiation fee for an applicant must consider it a loan to such applicant to whom he must look for re-payment, and not to the Grange. But such applicant neglecting or refusing to repay the same, when in his power to do so, renders himself liable to expulsion.

Sec. 20. If an applicant is balloted for whose fee does not accompany the petition, and is elected, the election is illegal, and the degrees should not be conferred; if rejected, the rejection is illegal, and the applicant may apply again at any time.

Sec. 21. Membership commences when the applicant takes the first degree, upon which he becomes entitled to all pecuniary and other benefits to be derived from a connection with the Order, and is subject to the same fees and dues as though he were in possession of all the degrees.

Sec. 22. No one can be held to be ineligible to membership on account of religious belief or political opinions.

Sec. 23. A person whose name was enrolled and fee paid at the time of organization, though not then present, may be obligated afterwards in the same manner as other charter members—but after the dispensation has been issued, another name cannot be substituted for the name of any charter member.

Sec. 24. When one male and one female or two males (but not two females) are regularly paying members under the constitution any Subordinate Grange is hereby empowered to pass a by-law admitting the remainder of the family to membership who are otherwise eligible at a nominal initiation fee of not less than twenty-five cents, and a nominal annual due of not less than twenty-five cents, so long as they remain actual members of that family (and no longer) both of which nominal sums shall be equally divided between the Division and Subordinate Grange to which such persons belong, and no further capitation tax shall be paid to superior Granges on account of such members.

(Sub-Section 1.) That such members be entered upon a separate finance book, and all their accounts kept separate from the regular paying members and reported in a separate column in the quarterly reports.

(Sub-Section 2.) That when such members cease to be actual members of such family, no longer living under the parental roof, and drawing their supplies from the same family purse, they shall be entered as regular paying members.

(Sub-Section 3.) Provided that such members shall be known as junior members, and shall be received only through the same channel as regular paying members, viz.: by application, ballot, and initiation, and shall be subject to the same laws as regular paying members, except as herein before provided.

(Sub-Section 4.) Provided further that no junior member shall be allowed to vote upon any question affecting the finances of the Grange, nor be eligible for election to the offices of Master, Secretary, Executive Committee, or delegate to superior Granges.

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ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month, and may have special meetings when considered necessary. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 2. A record of all meetings, both regular and special, should be fully kept by the Secretary.

Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary upon order of the Master, written or verbal notice to be given to each member of the time and place, stating the object of such meeting, at which no other business can be legally transacted, except notice be given at a previous meeting.

Sec. 4. The Master may, for good cause, change the time for holding a special meeting appointed either by himself or the Grange, upon the concurrence of three members of the Grange, upon giving notice to the members.

Sec. 5. Divulging the proceedings of any meeting to those not members in good standing shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

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ARTICLE III.

FEES AND DUES.

Sec. 1. The minimum initiation fee in all Subordinate Granges shall be for males, $3.00, and for females, 50 cents, which must, in all cases, accompany the application ; provided every Grange shall have the right to admit young men residing with their parents, the father being a member, at a reduced initiation fee of not less than $1. No person shall be admitted to membership free.

Sec. 2. The regular dues shall be not less than ten cents per month for males, and five cents per month for females, to be paid quarterly, and no

member shall be entitled to vote, or receive the password, who is in arrears for dues.

Sec. 3. The entire initiation fee must accompany the petition and not be divided among the several degrees.

Sec. 4. A Grange cannot vote back to a member any portion of the initiation fee.

Sec. 5. Members do not pay monthly dues for the fractional part of the month in which they are initiated, but from the first of the next month.

Sec. 6. A Grange may suspend members for non-payment of dues.

Sec. 7. Suspension from membership does not excuse a suspended member from payment of dues during the time of suspension.

Sec. 8. Members suspended for non-payment of dues become reinstated upon payment of all dues up to date of reinstatement. This rule does not prevent Granges adopting By-laws, terminating membership or prescribing other conditions of reinstatement, after the member has become delinquent a specified time.

Sec. 9. Subordinate Granges are exempt from the payment of initiation dues for charter members. Capitation tax must be paid for all who have been members one full quarter when report is made.

Sec. 10. Whenever a Subordinate Grange is reduced below seven members its Charter and Seal must be surrendered through the Secretary of the Provincial to the Dominion Grange, but no Charter can be surrendered so long as seven members in good standing are desirous of retaining it.

Sec. 11. Two or more Subordinate Granges may be consolidated in the manner following: Application for permission to consolidate shall be made to the Master of Division Grange, if in the jurisdiction of Division Grange, and his consent obtained; one of the Granges wishing to consolidate shall then vote to surrender its Charter and consolidate with the other, and the other must vote to receive all members of the surrendering Grange. A copy of each vote, duly authenticated, must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Provincial Grange, and the surrendered Charter must be returned to the Dominion Grange through the office of the Secretary of the Provincial or Division Grange, with the fact and date of its surrender and consolidation endorsed thereon, authenticated by the Seal and Signature of the Secretary of Division or Provincial Grange. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the surrender of the Charter of a Grange in which seven members in good standing shall desire to continue the organization thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

THEIR DUTIES, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Sec. 1. The officers shall consist of a Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate-Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward. Also two Auditors, and an Executive Committee of three members.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in December in each year, and should be installed during the same month. All officers shall continue to hold office until their successors are installed.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings, to see that officers and committees perform their respective duties ; to announce the result of all ballots and other votes of the Grange ; to see that the laws and rules of the Order are obeyed ; to sign all orders drawn on the Treasury by order of the Grange, and to perform all other duties that may be required of him, pertaining to such office, in accordance with the constitution, by-laws and rules of the order.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist in preserving order in the Grange ; to preside in the absence of the Master, and to perform all other duties devolving upon such office. In the absence of both Master and Overseer, the Grange shall elect a Master *pro tem.*

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record accurately the proceedings of the meetings ; to report quarterly to the Secretary of the Division Grange, and if no Division, then to the next superior Grange the names of all persons initiated, reinstated, suspended, expelled or deceased, since the last report, and pay to said Secretary the sum of fifty cents for every male member and twenty-five cents for every female member initiated

during the quarter ; together with a capitation tax of eight cents for each member in good standing at the close of the quarter. Reports to be forwarded not later than the first days of January, April, July and October, in each year. In the case of Subordinate Granges not connected with any Provincial Grange, such report shall be sent direct to the Secretary of Dominion Grange, together with the same initiation dues and capitation tax, payable to Division Granges. Also keep the financial account between the Grange and its members. To receive and pay to the Treasurer all monies, taking his receipt therefor. To draw and countersign all orders voted by the Grange and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies, giving his receipt for the same ; to keep an accurate account thereof, and pay all orders of the Grange ; to allow his books and accounts to be examined by the Auditors at all times to deliver to his successor or to the Grange, all monies, books, vouchers or other papers belonging to the office when called upon so to do, and to report at the last meeting in each year a full and detailed state of the finances.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to be always prepared with some useful information for the good of the Order, and to impart the same to the Grange by means of lectures, readings, essays, &c., when called upon by the Master.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to conduct the devotional exercises of the Grange.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Steward to have charge of the inner gate, to conduct the ballot, to see that the implements are keep in order, and the place of meeting made suitable for the members.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Steward to see that the regalias, &c., are in their proper places, to conduct the candidates at initiation, and to assist the Steward in the perform of his duties.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the Gate-keeper to see that the gates are properly guarded, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grange.

Sec. 12. The duties of the Lady Officers shall be such as are prescribed by the Ritual.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit all bills and accounts previous to their being passed by the Grange ; to examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer at any time they may think expedient, and report at the regular meeting in December in each year the year's transactions, the state of the finances, and the condition of the books.

Sec. 14. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bond's for the faithful performance of their duties to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee or the Grange.

Sec. 15. The duties and powers of the Executive Committee in Subordinate Granges shall be the same in respect to such Grange as the Executive Committee of Division Granges enjoy in their respective Granges.

Sec. 16. Where Division Granges exist, each Subordinate Grange shall, at the time of electing its officers, elect such member of delegates to the Division Grange as the Division may decide, in addition to the Master, who is a delegate by virtue of his office.

ARTICLE V.

RITUAL AND DEGREES.

Sec. 1. The Ritual adopted by the Dominion Grange shall be used in all Granges, but the ceremony may be abridged by unanimous consent of the Grange, but the signals, salutations and obligations shall in no case be omitted.

Sec. 2. Persons not members of the Order must not be permitted to obtain or read the Ritual.

Sec. 3. Degrees may be conferred at either regular or special meetings. At special meetings called for the purpose of conferring degrees, it is not necessary to open in any degree but the one to be conferred, but members may sit in different degrees at the same meeting, and close from any degree.

Sec. 4. A member cannot remain in the Grange when it is open in a higher degree than such member has taken.

Sec. 5. A member who has received one degree and refuses to take more must be retained on the roll until suspended or expelled therefrom by action of the Grange.

Sec. 6. The existence of a Grange commences at the date of dispensation. A Grange may confer degrees and transact business under a dispensation the same as a charter, but, until the dispensation is received, no business can be legally transacted other than the election of officers or appointment of committees.

ARTICLE VI.

DEMITS, WITHDRAWALS, &c.

Sec. 1. Any member in good standing, who is clear on the books, is entitled to a demit or withdrawal card upon application therefor. A member not in good standing cannot be demitted.

Sec. 2. No Grange can refuse a demit or withdrawal.

Sec. 3. A demit can be applied for and granted at any regular meeting; the application need not necessarily lie over.

Sec. 4. Demitted members wishing to join another or the same Grange must deposit their demits with application, which must be referred to a committee and ballotted for, the same as a new applicant. No fee is re-

quired other than the monthly dues from the close of the quarter in which the demit was granted.

Sec. 5. In the case of demitted members becoming charter members of a new Grange, though not liable to pay initiation fees, they do not thereby lessen the charter fee of such Grange.

Sec. 6. Members receiving a demit have no claim upon the Grange, or share in the property or funds.

Sec. 7. No member can belong to more than one Subordinate Grange at a time, neither can members of a suspended Grange form a new Grange.

Sec. 8. A Grange cannot divide into two or more Granges and divide the property.

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